

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda Lewanski on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Linda Lewanski of Cocke County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewanski has served as a volunteer for a host of nonprofit organizations in Cocke County for nearly twenty years; she dedicates countless hours yearly to "Keep Cocke County Beautiful" and assists various animal advocacy groups; she has helped to secure numerous grants to benefit her county and arranged educational and preservation sessions through Leadership Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, the county's Director of Tourism, Linda Lewanski works tirelessly to maintain relationships with the national parks and forests, as well as state and regional groups, garnering funding and marketing opportunities that would otherwise not be possible; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewanski greatly values the preservation of Cocke County's history, heritage, and culture; she has committed personal time and resources over the past two years to facilitate the county's first local Co-Starters program; and

WHEREAS, Linda Lewanski is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Linda Lewanski for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.